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Subject: Request to Initiate informal ESA consultation on the Proposed NPDES Permit Issuance to the USFWS, Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery
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Attachments: [JEFF KRUPKA 10-18-16 LETTER.pdf](#)
[101816 LNFH Specific Forward to the EPA WA Hatchery GP BE.pdf](#)
[101816 Draft FS to ESA Consultation.pdf](#)
[101816 Draft Permit to ESA Consultation.pdf](#)
[060216 USFWS concurrence letter on EPA WA Hatchery BE determinations.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Krupka,

Attached please find documentation supporting the EPA's request to initiate informal ESA consultation on the Proposed NPDES Permit Issuance to the USFWS, Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. The letter attached provides the link to download the EPA Biological Evaluation developed for ESA consultation on the NPDES General Permit for Federal Aquaculture Facilities Located in Indian Country within the Boundaries of the State of Washington (the Washington Hatchery General Permit). We request that you download that BE, along with reviewing the attached update to Chapters 1-4 of that BE (LNFH Specific Forward) that tailors the federal action and action area at this time to the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (LNFH) facility. Because of all the risk assessment and effects analysis work done recently statewide for the Washington Hatchery General Permit BE, the EPA believes that the same analysis and conclusions hold for the LNFH.

I will send the specific documents detailing the risk assessment and effects analysis work as separate emails next.

If you have any questions about the information that we are providing, please feel free to call my supervisor, Michael Lidgard, at (206) 553-1755, or call me at the phone number below.

Sincerely,
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